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## CITY NEWS

Lock Smith—Dawson's Hardware.

Mr. B. Maxwell, of Fayette county, is visiting in our city this week.

Midway Coal, 212 W. 7th street, both Phones.

Hand in your book and all the money—don't keep it any longer. Rev. L. J. Phillips.

Skates repaired—Dawson's Hardware

Elmer Richardson of Clive is visiting in Okaloosa this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Russ left Wednesday for Keokuk, to remain indefinitely.

J. H. Mixon, Jeweler, No. 316 West Third street. Tunes Pianos and repairs organs.

WRITE The African Monarchs of America. They have something to tell you. Sioux City, Ia.

Weather Strips—Dawson's Hardware

Attend the Twentieth-century watch meeting at St. Paul. A meeting of special interest beginning at 10 p. m.

Mrs. Jas. Harding, accompanied by Miss Nina Hamilton, left last week to spend the holidays in Omaha.

Mr. A. J. Raglin, a 32d degree Mason of Marshalltown, accompanied Mr. Brown to our city to attend the Masonic banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Blagburn entertained a number of their friends Christmas afternoon, at their home on 1325 Fourteenth street.

WE WANT colored organizers for the best thing on earth for colored people. African Monarchs of America, Sioux City, Iowa.

A dance was given last Monday night at Painter's Hall by the Porters. A large crowd was in attendance.

Window Glass—Dawson's Hardware.

Miss Lula Nesbitt and Edward Weeks went to Colfax, Xmas, and took dinner with Mrs. Henry Johnson, the former remained, the letter came home the same day.

Walker, of Marshalltown, was in our city this week, attending the Masonic banquet. Mr. Walker lived here about fifteen years ago.

Joshua Strawther, electrician, 952 West Thirteenth street. Electrical repairs of all kinds. Medical, dental and surgical instruments a specialty. Dynamoes and motors, light, etc. Give me a call.

Grand Master I. L. Brown, of the Iowa Masonic Lodge, was in our city this week on his annual visit to the Lodges. He attended the North Star banquet.

Members ought to attend church at least once a week. So don't let a little cold stop you. L. J. Phillips, Pastor.

Miss Lucy McKee, of Van Meter, is spending the holidays here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jacobs.

Young people see that you do something to make an old person happy the 1st. It will be your first opportunity of the year. The old folks will be entertained then and you are asked to assist any way you can.

## A TOE CORN

is a little thing, but the pain and grief from it is great.

You have never used the EMERALD CORN CURE, or you would not have that corn. It cures hard or soft corns, bunions, callouses, etc. It leaves a new soft smooth skin and gives you ease and comfort. 10c a bottle.

SHELDON'S PHARMACY,  
10th and Center Sts.

Mrs. John McClain, of Des Moines, left Tuesday morning for Moberly, Mo.

Mr. Geo. Logan, court bailiff, spent the holidays down in Savannah, Mo., visiting his relatives.

Rev. J. H. Bell, pastor of Mt. Nebo Baptist church, left Monday, for his home, in Champaign, Ill., to visit his family and attend his mother's 119th anniversary, on December 20th. He will not return till about January 22, 1901.

Bicycles repaired—Dawson's Hardware

Our Market Master, while on his rounds in testing the various scales, one man, Mr. Luthe, of the Luthe hardware Co., refused to allow him to test his scales. Mr. Blagburn immediately filed an information against him and had him arrested. Mr. Luthe called at Mr. Blagburn's office and apologized for refusing to allow him to test the scales, and begged him to have the case against him dismissed, which Mr. Blagburn complied with, after giving him to understand a lesson on business courtesy.

The concert given December 24th by the young ladies of Mt. Nebo Baptist church was well attended. A beautiful Christmas tree well laden with presents. We hope Santa Claus will call again.

## New Meat Market.

... W. A. ANDERSON...  
1012 CENTER STREET  
has opened a New Meat Market. He carries all grades of meat and delivers to any part of the city.

Sleds, Sleds—Dawson's Hardware.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward, Comley, of Minnesota, is in our city this week, visiting Mr. Comley's brother, Mr. Chas. Comley. Mr. Comley owns an interest in a \$12,000 tile and pipe factory, of which he is manager, and he is the only colored man working there. He used to live in this city and is remembered by older settlers. He opened the Des Moines tile and pipe factory that is now running on the East Side. He is a successful business man, and as he says, would like for more of our race to learn different trades.

GERMAN REMEDY Cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Male and Female Weakness. Send \$1.50; German Medicine Co. Des Moines, Ia.

Married.—At the residence of the bride's home, 1056 B street, Miss Susie Smith to Mr. Chas. Roy, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Roy, last Tuesday evening. Only a few friends were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. Bates in a few well chosen words, after which a supper was served. The presents was good and useful. The bride has been here a few years, and is well liked by those who know her. The groom is well known here and an honest hustling young man. We extend with their friends our best wishes for their success.

THE ELITE Restaurant, 314 W. Third street. Best 15c meal in the city. A trial will convince you. E. G. McAFEE Prop.

Skates, Skates—Dawson's Hardware.

## EXCURSION RATES FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Via the North-Western Line, Excursion tickets will be sold at low rates to points on the North-Western System east of the Missouri River within 200 miles of selling station, December 22, 23, 24, 25, 31 and January 1, good returning until January 2, inclusive. Apply to agents Chicago and North-Western R'y.

Miss Potter of Lincoln, Neb., arrived in our city Monday to visit a few weeks, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Staples.

Mrs. H. W. Hughes of Davenport, Iowa, is spending the holidays in our city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Williams. She attended the Masonic banquet.

An emancipation celebration will be held at Webster's hall New Year's day afternoon and evening. A good program has been prepared and the music will be furnished by the Brotherhood band.

Prof. W. H. Council, president of the State Normal college of Annapolis for negroes, is in our city this week attending the state teachers' association. He attended the Masonic banquet. He made a very pleasant call at our office and will lecture at the Auditorium before the teachers' association this afternoon.

HODGES AND MASH.  
Mr. Geo. H. Hodges and Miss Susie Mash was married at the bride's home, last Wednesday evening. Only a few of the relatives and friends were present. The bride is well known here as she was raised in Polk county on her father's farm. The groom has lived here several years, and is well liked. He is a barber and has charge of the shop on Third and Walnut streets. We extend to them our congratulations.

## A NEW GROCERY STORE.

In another part of the Bystander appears the advertisement of the new grocery store at 1003 Center street, (owned by colored people). It opened last Thursday, the 20th, with Mr. C. Beckwith as general manager. Rev. T. L. Phillips as business director, and Miss Josie Rivers, book-keeper. Mr. Beckwith came here last April and organized the Iowa Cement and Construction Company, which he has worked at it until now. He seems to be a good earnest, hard working man, and we hope that this new venture will be successful, as our race ought to patronize the new store, 1003 Center St., and show their appreciation of the new enterprise.

## MASONIC BANQUET.

North Star Lodge, No. 2, held their banquet last night at Turner Hall. A large and representative crowd of our colored people were present with a large number of visitors from out of the city. A few more than 140 guests were seated at the first table and enjoyed the tempting viands, while the sweet strains of music by the orchestra enlivened the occasion. After supper the program was rendered as printed last week, with a few exceptions. Prof. W. H. Council, of Alabama was present and made an excellent address, which was received with much enthusiasm. In brief this was one of the nicest and most refined banquets ever given by the colored citizens in our city.

## SAVANNAH, MISSOURI.

The colored people of this town gave a very swell banquet last Wednesday, the 26th, under the auspices of Recherche Social Club which was the club's first annual banquet. About two hundred guests was present, some from Kansas City, St. Joseph, Des Moines, Nebraska and Iowa towns. A most enjoyable time was had by all.

## PASSING OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

Only a few more days yet remain to complete the nineteenth century, and next Tuesday will usher in the first day of the 20th century, the first day of the New Year and the first day of the month. During the 100 years drawing so near to a close has been marked as the crowning century in the history of the world. In respect to mechanical achievements, scientific investigation, sociological research, commercial development, agricultural growth, religious teachings and educational acquisitions. All nations in every part of this planet has made some development in civilization, even the crowded hordes of China and Japan seems to have advanced. The tribes of Africa and the far off Islanders are beginning to see the dawn of civilization, but it remains for America, our own country, to have made the most rapid civilization and christianization then any other country or nation. A retrospective review of the United States will show that 100 years ago this part of the United States we now live in was the American desert, inhabited only by a few Indians, buffaloes and deer. The click of the telegraph was then unknown everywhere. The thundering of steam cars, the muttering of the cable cars, the busy hum of the factories or the telephone and

electricity was unthought of then. Then again we should think as we pass from the old century with its brilliant history that it also had its years of sorrow, of wars, of famine and blood shed. So in the new century we may expect some miseries and hardships. Adieu to the old century.

## EDITOR J. F. COLE SECURES A LUCRATIVE POSITION.

Mr. J. F. Cole, Editor of the Rising Son, that is publish at Kansas City, Mo., has been appointed by the sheriff elect, W. S. Pontius, as his stenographer and private secretary. We congratulate Mr. Cole on his appointment. He is well qualified for the position and will no doubt perform his duties in a manner that will reflect credit upon his race and party. The leading politicians are becoming cognizant of the fact that the press wields a great influence in political campaigns and they are beginning to reward them for their good work.

## Our Park Board.

No city ever became great that neglected to provide an attractive system of parks. The progress which comes from industrial enterprises is limited, unless the city is made a good place to live in. Parks are essential to continued growth of any city. Many cities have learned this fact at a time when the providing of parks cost ten fold as much as would have been the case a few years earlier. No city in the union is better provided by nature with park possibilities than Des Moines, and it is gratifying to know that the park commission is an able body.

## SIDNEY A. FOSTER.

Mr. Foster has proven a valuable commissioner. A successful business man, he has applied business principles to the park system. He believes in parks and if his ideas prevail Des Moines will soon compare favorably with any other city of its size in this respect. Nature has made great park possibilities on the river front and elsewhere and Mr. Foster believes in taking advantage of nature's favors. So do the people. Mr. Foster is secretary of the Royal Union Life Insurance Co., a public speaker of note, a consistent republican and an unexcelled park commissioner.

## W. B. KEFFER.

The voters of Des Moines could not have made a better selection for park commissioner than Mr. Keffer, who has displayed excellent judgment and has given general satisfaction. He is a consistent advocate of a good park system, knowing that it greatly enhances the beauty of a municipality and increases its desirability as a residence center. He believes in giving the people a good park system as fast as it can be done without too great a strain financially. Mr. Keffer is secretary of the Capital City Gas Light Co. and the Capital City Electric Light Co. and is well known and esteemed in business circles.

## ALBIA NEWS.

Mr. James Clandin and two children, of Des Moines, spent a few hours in Albia last Sunday. They were enroute to Des Moines.

Mrs. A. Jones, of Des Moines, spent a few days of last week in Albia.

Mrs. Maggie De n. of Colfax, was an Albia visitor last Monday.

Rev. W. A. Searcy, a Hoeking visitor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Marshall, of Denver, left Albia on last Thursday for their future home, in Denver.

Miss Henrietta Jones spent Sunday in Hiteman, with her sister.

The Albia High School gave a Senior entertainment at the High School, on last Friday evening. The program was a very good one.

The A. M. E. church held Memorial exercise at the church last Sunday, in memory of Bishop Moore.

## MARSHALLTOWN ITEMS.

Well, Old Santa has come and gone, and many a little one is happy.

Mrs. Howard and Miss Della Howard, of Albia are in our city, to spend the Xmas with their daughter, Mrs. G. L. Suter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Suter entertained at dinner Xmas, a large circle of friends and it was a time to be long remembered. Progressive, check, and other games were the amusements.

The Baptist church had Xmas services.

Mrs. Mary Wright returned home last Saturday. Her husband, Mr. Fred Wright, met her at the train.

## Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware

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Our Motto is Quick Sales, Dividing the Profits with Our Customers.  
Our Prices are Low as the Lowest, and Goods Good as the Best.

2 cans Good Corn, 15c; Cabbage, 2c; 2 lbs. Oat Meal, 10c; Good Macaroni, 10c; Apples 25c a peck; Good California Prunes, 10c a pound.

See Our Prices on Sugar, Flour, Meal, Tapioca, and other Groceries, in which we are prepared to please the most fastidious. So, do not fail to call at the

**Beckwith Grocery Co. Store,**  
No. 1003 Center Street.

Mrs. L. H. Johnson is improving in health again.

Mrs. Carrie Suter came down from Mason City to take care of her daughter, Mrs. Johnson.

## TUSKEGEE NOTES.

Mayor Samuel L. Jones, of Toledo, Ohio, accompanied by the President of the City Council, were very interesting visitors at Tuskegee, Tuesday of this week.

The Christmas season will be observed in the usual manner at Tuskegee. Indications point to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for all concerned.

The ninth annual session of the Tuskegee Negro Conference will be held, Wednesday, February 20, 1901. It is hoped that this session will prove the most profitable ever held.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

While not the subject of such political scrambles, the office of superintendent of schools is getting to be one of the most important in the county or state. The future of a nation depends largely upon the education of its children and the superintendent of schools should be well equipped for the important duties of the office. It is doubtful if any previous has so satisfactorily discharged his duties as Mr. J. M. Brenton, who is now filling his second term. The excellent condition of the county schools and the high character of the teachers are due to his watchful care and moreover show that he is capable and deserving of higher honors at the hands of his party. He has always been a staunch republican and a few years ago he stumped the county without compensation and during the recent campaign stumped every county in the second district and also made numerous speeches in the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth districts, his happy delivery and effective arguments gaining many votes for the ticket. Personally Mr. Brenton is a genial, courteous gentleman, with hundreds of warm friends in every portion of the state. He was born in Dallas county, Iowa, in 1856 and was educated in the public schools. He also taught in the public schools and he filled the position of principal at Sidney, Neb., Rapid City, S. D., Bellevue, Idaho, Wichita, Kan., and other places, devoting seventeen years to active work as teacher and is one of the best known and most popular educators in the state.

You will need some cards for the holidays. If you can not spare time to come to our office call up Iowa phone 899 and give your order.

## The Best Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the effected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or chest, give me a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism. One application gives relief. For sale by all Druggists

## How to Cure Croup.

Mr. E. Gray, who lives near America, Duchesne county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by all Druggists.

The BYSTANDER has this week opened its holiday rates. Anyone sending in only \$1.00 between now and January 10th, 1901 can have the BYSTANDER for one year, and any regular subscriber sending in \$1.00 can have a year's credit on their subscription.

## AS TRUE AS GOSPEL.

Speak well of your friend, of your enemy, say nothing.

He who says what he likes will hear what he does not like.

A man's manners are the mirror in which he shows his portrait.

If cheerfulness knocks for admission, we should open our hearts wide to receive it, for it never comes inopportunity.

## Widows Do Not Remarry.

In China it is the rule of good society that widows do not remarry. They are not forbidden to do so, but they are thought more highly of if they don't. In order to encourage them the government, when they have passed the age of 50, and have not remarried, confers on them a tablet containing a eulogy of their virtues.

## Raising the Hat an Ancient Salutation.

When a knight of old entered a company of ladies he removed his helmet to indicate that he considered himself among friends, and that there was no need to protect himself. This practice has survived in the custom of raising the hat when saluting a lady. —June Ladies' Home Journal.

## Prince Rupert's Dislike.

Prince Rupert, the heir to the throne of Bavaria, dislikes the attentions of the White Rose league of England, which, because it recognizes the claims of the Stuarts to the British throne, persists, much to his disgust, in styling him "the rightful prince of Wales."

## Britain's New Halfpenny Stamp.

Great Britain has issued a new halfpenny stamp, green in color; a new 1s bi-colored postage and revenue stamp will also be issued about midsummer, when the stock of the present single colored green stamp will be exhausted.



## TAKING OUT THE SPOTS

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The thoughtful mother of a little Chicago boy sent the following note with him to his school-teacher: "Miss Fitzgerald: Adolph swallowed a brass padlock last night, and if he has any pain in school this morning as a result, will you please excuse him, and oblige his mother."

A certain minister in Denver occasionally plays havoc with his words. In closing a very impressive sermon on "Death," he said: "Ere long we will all be called upon to shuffle off this mortal coil; or, I should say, muffle off this—that is cuffle off this mortal—pardon me; shuffle off this sort—(Ahem!) Let us rise and sing the doxology."

There is a school district in Reno county, Kan., in which there is a school house and a teacher, but not a solitary pupil. Miss Mary Scroggins, the teacher, opens school every morning, and holds herself in readiness to instruct any children who may come, but she is the sole occupant of the building. There are plenty of children in the district, but they attend a parochial school.

Mr. J. S. Moffat, who has been actively connected with the country immediately to the south of the Zambesi for over forty years, first as a missionary and latterly as an official, is about to return to Rhodesia after a holiday in Europe. He first went out under Dr. Livingstone. He was resident magistrate at Taung when the Jameson raid took place. Mr. Moffat is now sixty-five, but he has work left in him yet.

How quickly the huge herds of buffalo on the American plains were swept from the face of the earth! A recent careful count by a competent person places the whole number of animals of the kind living today at only 1,024. Dr. William T. Hornaday says in his book concerning the buffalo that it would have been as easy to count the number of leaves in a forest as to calculate the number of buffaloes living at time during the history of the species previous to 1870.

A large amount of American steel is being imported into Scotland. One Scotch shipbuilding firm has received over 10,000 tons of ship plates from America at a price that is \$4,000 cheaper than the same could be obtained in Scotland. Another firm is taking over 50,000 tons, and altogether it is calculated that about 100,000 tons will be imported. Some steel is also being sent from Germany, but not in such large quantities as from America.

The newest fashion in New York sky-scraper construction is to begin at the top and build downward. It seems impossible, yet that is what a contractor is doing with a bank building at Wall and William streets. At present the upper five floors, with granite walls, are practically finished. The lower ten are as yet mere skeletons of girders and trusses. The larger blocks of granite for these lower floors were not ready on time, so the builder decided to go ahead on the ones above. It is perfectly safe, yet the appearance of the structure is so unusual that it is a curiosity, even for Wall street.

The Austrian government has recently entrusted a particularly valuable commission to Fraulein Erika Paulas, this being nothing less than the erection of a residence at Bistritz for the official Forest Commissioners. This is the twentieth commission the government has given to Fraulein Paulas, who has not achieved her success without a struggle and much opposition from the building trade, which petitioned the minister of public works to prohibit her from entering for the examinations. Fraulein Paulas gained her architect's diploma at Buda-Pesth, after passing the mason's examination at Klausenburg. In England the only two members, it is said, of the Royal Institute of British Architects are the Misses Charles.

Stories about misers are sometimes exaggerated, but it has been verified that a beggarwoman named Marie Leret, who has died at Versailles, left behind her in gold and bonds about \$8,000. The money was found in an old cupboard in the hovel wherein the deceased had lived for over half a century. Marie Leret was eighty-three years old, and was one of the most successful mendicants of the day. She begged persistently at church doors, in the streets, at the railway stations, and received, moreover, substantial gifts from charitably-disposed persons, who had no idea that they were assisting a miser. Of the sum found, nearly \$3,000 in gold fell out of a long stocking, the remainder being in various securities, of which the dividend warrants had not been utilized for eighteen years.

It is said that Formosan savages are puzzled by an extremely simple arithmetical problem. If two of them are to share five articles of food, they divide by taking two apiece and throwing the fifth away. But that is not so bad, after all. It even shows that they have made progress. In earlier times, the stronger of the two would have disposed of his unesteemed contemporary, and appropriated the whole. It is a movement onward and upward when the rights of others are recognized and respected.

# THE NEWS IN IOWA

CURE FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

Treatment for This Dread Disease Said to Have Been Found.  
Des Moines, Dec. 28.—A sensation nothing short of profound was caused at the meeting last night at the Still College of Osteopathy of the osteopaths of Iowa when Dr. William West, a young osteopath of Centerville, Iowa, read a paper in which he gave in detail a new and, it is asserted, a successful treatment for tuberculosis.

Dr. West's paper, which was scientific and technical, dealt with the treatment and results of the care of ten patients whom he has treated since last June, each one of whom was restored to health. In a word, the treatment hinges on a knowledge of the importance of the functions of the spleen and the making use of splenic vibrations. Dr. West demonstrates before death the blood forming functions of the spleen by vibrating the spleen and throwing into the blood stream the phagocytes which prey on the bacteria of tuberculosis. Furthermore in his treatment he aims to correct organic diseases of the alimentary tract and give to the diseased lungs the support of healthy organs.

PHYSICIANS ARE WARNED.

Most Report Infectious Diseases of Sufferer the Consequence.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—The state board of health is determined to punish physicians who resist or interfere with quarantine of infectious diseases in the future. The board has had a great deal of trouble with doctors who, either from ignorance or a desire to protect patients from the rigors of quarantine against scarlet fever or smallpox, have insisted that these diseases were something else that did not require a strict quarantine. One remarkable case of ignorance is reported from Eddyville, where a doctor by the name of Brunt minutely described a disease which he called yaws, which is a disease peculiar to the races in Africa and in the East Indies. The description given by Dr. Brunt does not in the least correspond with the best authorities on the subject, and it demonstrates, members of the board say, that he did not know what he was talking about.

Doctors who make such mistakes in the future and cause the spread of contagious diseases by their ignorance or neglect will be summoned before the state board of medical examiners to show cause why their certificates shall not be revoked for incompetency. Secretary Kennedy of the board says that this notice means business and that the doctors will find it out if there is any further trouble of this kind.

RED-LETTER DAY IN JOURNALISM

A Memorable Anniversary of the Des Moines News.

Des Moines, Dec. 24.—Five years ago tomorrow the Des Moines Daily News celebrated its attaining to 10,000 circulation by firing ten cannon on the Des Moines river front and feasting two hundred newsmen. Since that time it has increased to about 30,000 circulation and doubled its size, still retaining its remarkably low price to subscribers of \$1 a year, 75 cents for six months, 50 cents for three months. The News is now one of the most prosperous newspapers in the west.

Found His Home Haunted.

Marcus, Dec. 27.—William Mitchell of this place and sexton of the Marcus and Amherst cemetery believes his home to be haunted. About two months ago Mrs. Mitchell took sick and suddenly died, leaving Mr. Mitchell with three children. Within a few days after her death he and his children departed for Des Moines, where he hoped to find employment and make his future home. Not doing so, he returned here. Upon retiring at his former home here he allowed the lamp to burn, which was his custom; upon entering the bed it was extinguished by some unknown cause. Thinking nothing of this, he relit it, and no sooner had he turned around when again it was blown out. He repeated this operation several times, but each time with the same result. Being frightened, he immediately left the house and says he never will go there again.

Fatal Hunting Accident.

Sioux City, Dec. 27.—Guy C. Moore of Oto accidentally shot and instantly killed himself while out hunting. His body was found near a barb wire fence, and the presumption is that his rifle was discharged while he was trying to crawl through the fence. The bullet went through his left temple. He was assistant station agent for the Illinois Central railroad, 25 years of age and unmarried. His parents live at Winthrop.

Engineer Will Die.

Marshalltown, Dec. 27.—Engineer John Norton of the Iowa Central was struck on the head by a blunt instrument while in the cab of a passenger engine at Eldora before daylight yesterday. His skull was fractured and the injury will probably prove fatal. It is supposed to be the work of an enemy.

Celebrates 101st Birthday.

Des Moines, Dec. 21.—Noah Brockway Bacon celebrated the hundred and first anniversary of his birth Wednesday. Many of his friends called on him to congratulate him on his good health and spirits. Mr. Bacon was born in Westmoreland, Oneida county, N. Y., December 19, 1799. In 1821 he married Charlotte York, and in 1843 moved west. Most of his life he has been a farmer. Mr. Bacon is a small, compactly built man. His habits have always been good.

Don't brood; a gnaw of troubles soon becomes a clend of calamity.

# FORTY-NINE DROWNED.

Awful Disaster to School Children at What Cheer.

Burlington, Dec. 28.—An appalling disaster has occurred at What Cheer. While a number of children were skating on a pond near that place the ice broke, precipitating the whole lot into the water. A panic ensued, and forty children were drowned. Details are meager.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—Communication was secured at 2 o'clock over the Iowa Telephone Company's lines with the office of the mayor of Oskaloosa. That gentleman said:

"We have just received a brief message from Ottumwa saying that the rumor that forty-nine school children were drowned at What Cheer is true. "They were skating on a pond near the fair ground at What Cheer, and the ice suddenly gave way. The panic helped the catastrophe."

FOR BUILDING AT AMES.

Executive Council Appropriates for a New Structure.

Des Moines, Dec. 27.—The executive council has made an appropriation of \$10,000 out of the providential contingent fund for the erection of a temporary building at Ames and heating it. President Beardshear and members of the board of trustees appeared before the council, with a rough draft of the plans for the temporary structure as prepared by State Architect Liebke, and with the council's approval.

The building will contain ten rooms for recitation purposes. It will be one story high, covered with a flat roof, sealed within and covered with rough lumber on the outside. The cost of the building itself will be between \$8,000 and \$9,000 but the council decided to provide enough in addition to pay for heating. The \$10,000 appropriation covers both the cost of erection of building and putting in the heating apparatus. The appropriation of \$10,000 is in addition to the appropriation of \$3,500 made a short time ago for repairing the main building and of \$1,200 for assistance in starting the botanical laboratory.

FARM HAND HAD HIS NERVE.

Was Made a Social Lion at the Chicago Fat Stock Show.

Ottumwa, Dec. 28.—It has developed that the officers and buyers at the fat stock show at Chicago recently were "taken in" by a farm hand from Melrose, in this state, and that while he did not commit any crime, his acts show that he has unexampled nerve and an unlimited amount of "gall." The young man without a cent of capital other than \$5 he borrowed from L. D. Remley of Melrose prior to starting, made his way to Chicago, and on going to the stock show soon became one of the liveliest and most interesting of bidders. It is reported that he had a number of choice animals knocked down to him at fancy prices, and that the total amount of his purchases was somewhere in the \$8,000 neighborhood.

Being such a lively fellow and such an apparent good judge of fine stock, and besides a good financier, he was written up in the Chicago papers and wine and dined and banqueted by the stockmen. He returned to Melrose in a parlor car, making no payments on his purchases, and of course all the deals were declared off. Maxwell could not keep the secret to himself and it leaked out.

TEST CASE IS ARRANGED.

Plan to Get at Validity of the Titus Amendment.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—The complete details of the program for testing the validity of the Titus amendment for biennial election have been made known. Through the medium of this plan, which was devised by Attorney General Remley, and which has the endorsement of Senator Charles W. Mullin, the attorney general-elect, and of Senator Titus, the author of the amendment, it is expected a decision will be forthcoming from the supreme court before the close of the January term, the ninth day of February.

The case will be begun at Washington, Washington county, in the Sixth judicial district, with Judge A. R. Dewey on the bench. Marsh W. Bailey, the county attorney-elect of Washington county, will bring action in quo warranto against the present incumbent of the office, S. W. Brookhart. Both of the men are republicans and personal friends and the suit will be entirely an amicable one.

HEAVY FIRE AT MASON CITY.

Explosion of Gasoline Causes Loss of \$30,000.

Mason City, Dec. 27.—This city suffered a loss of \$30,000 by fire yesterday. It originated in a tailor shop by the explosion of a gasoline stove. The business blocks owned by H. E. Francisco and J. E. Knutson were badly damaged. Mitchell Bros. & Cherry suffered heavily on clothing, and J. W. Adams on drugs. A dozen firms and offices suffered losses. The insurance will cover the loss.

The more shiftless the person the greater the calamity it seems to him to fail to see a circus.

For a Pearl Button Factory.

Clinton, Dec. 21.—Articles of incorporation have been filed here for the Clinton Pearl Button company, with a capital stock of \$10,000. The stockholders include several bankers and other business men. The management will be in the hands of practical button men. The company is authorized to buy and sell shells, pearls, slugs and saw button blanks. The capital provided will equip a large plant that will employ fifty people. The factory will be ready for business as soon as the ice goes out in the spring.

# NEWS IN GENERAL

OPERATIONS IN TRANSVAAL.

Boers Continue to Keep Kitchener's Men Busy.

London, Dec. 28.—The following dispatch from General Kitchener was received from Pretoria:

"Yesterday two hundred Boers attacked a small police post near Boksburg. The police gallantly drove them off before reinforcements from Johannesburg arrived. The Boers damaged the mining machinery in the neighborhood.

"The Boers attacked Utrecht at 2 o'clock this morning and were driven off.

"The Boers held up a train three miles west of Pan and were driven off.

"The eastern force of Boers in Cape Colony was headed yesterday and driven in the direction of Ventersdorp.

"The western force is still being driven north through Strydenburg."

London, Dec. 28.—The latest dispatches from South Africa show that Lord Kitchener has succeeded in holding the invading Boers in check. But he has not yet been successful in expelling them from Cape Colony, while small commandoes continue to display astonishing bearing and activity over an immensely wide field.

It is questionable whether his proclamation will have much effect until General De Wet has been captured. The Boers are likely to regard it as a sign of weakness and to have a wholesome dread of De Wet's vengeance if any surrender.

The proclamation is approved by the party at home that favors conciliatory terms to the Boers.

NEW PARTY IS LAUNCHED.

Meeting Attended by All the Loyal Filipino Leaders.

Manila, Dec. 25.—The recently organized autonomy party was launched Sunday at a meeting attended by virtually all the loyal Filipino leaders in Manila. The declaration of principles was read, and after some discussion adopted by a vote of 123, less than half a dozen declining to vote. All signed endorsement of the platform, including Senator Paterno, one of the most influential of the former insurgent leaders, whose real attitude toward American authority had been much questioned.

The principal discussion was with reference to the organization of the government of the party. A council of twenty-five members was elected, together with an executive committee.

EMPEROR NOT WELL PLEASED.

Kwang Su Wants to Retain the Taku Forts.

Peking, Dec. 28.—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese peace commissioners, have heard from the emperor, Kwang Su. Prince Ching called on the former for consultation, remaining over an hour. The court objects strenuously to reducing the forts, and also to allowing permanent legation guards, which it seems to think could be made sufficiently large at any time it was desired to menace the court itself.

After the conference it was decided to hold further communication with the court before seeing the ministers.

BRITONS PRAISE WEST POINT.

Important Discovery Made in Office of the Auditor of Kentucky.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 26.—One of the clerks in the state auditor's office in searching the vault for old records, found a cartridge box containing eight metal patched smokeless powder cartridges, 38-55 caliber, corresponding exactly to the bullet found in the hackberry tree and which was believed to have passed through Senator Goebel's body. The significance of the discovery lies in the fact that Henry Youtsey, convicted of participation in the Goebel assassination in October, 1899, was a clerk in the auditor's office at the time of the assassination and had access to the vault where the cartridges were found and that George Barnes, another clerk in the office, testified that he saw Youtsey with a box of cartridges.

RUSSIA IS TO SECURE THEM.

Manchurian Railroads Will Be Taken Over, It is Reported.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The Novoe Vremya's Vladivostok correspondent stands by the story that the Russian government is about to take over the Manchurian railroads. He says Commander Keller has left Vladivostok to formally deliver the roads to the government's representatives.

The correspondent also says the Chinese caused losses amounting to only four million roubles.

BRITISH CONSUL BEATEN.

Turkish Soldiers Maltreat Mr. De Bunsen.

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—Some Turkish soldiers have grossly assaulted and maltreated the British charge d'affaires, Mr. de Bunsen, and other members of the British embassy in the vicinity of the powder magazine at Makrikie in Shapr. Demands for redress have been made to the porte.

Victim of a Dance Row.

Mason City, Dec. 22.—Tom Edmondson, living near Clear Lake, went to a brother's home to attend a dance. He was intoxicated and in a general row was pretty severely punished. Later he was found nearly on a barb wire fence, dead. The coroner is investigating.

25,000 Plague Victims.

Calcutta, Dec. 26.—Lord Curzon of Kedleston, the viceroy of India, in the course of a speech yesterday said that, since the appearance of the bubonic plague in 1898, 25,000 deaths from the disease have occurred in the Mysore state.

English Again Entrapped.

Cape Town, Dec. 27.—A squadron of Yeomanry, which had been following the Boers from Britstown, is reported to have been entrapped and captured.

# SALT MAKES HEART BEAT.

Declared that Common Chemical Will Start New Motion in Vital Organ.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Professor Jacques Loeb of the University of Chicago, who has attracted the attention of the scientific world by his original research work in physiology, with the assistance of Professor D. J. Lingie, also of the University of Chicago, has discovered that common salt, or sodium chloride is the element in the blood which causes the heart to pulsate.

Experiments have been conducted in the laboratories of the University of Chicago during the last four months which have revealed this truth. By experimenting on the hearts of turtles and other animals it has been found that heart tissue which has ceased to beat can be made again to take up its rhythmical pulsations by placing it in a solution of common salt or sodium chloride.

Medical men throughout the world have long known the value of salt as a stimulant to a weak heart, but they have never before known just what caused the heart to beat faster. They were disposed yesterday to say that the theory of professors Loeb and Lingie was very plausible, and thought that when the discovery was put on a practical basis it might have a wonderful effect in prolonging human life.

# CAPE COLONY IN BALANCE

Future Depends Upon the Resources of the Dutch.

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Most of the dispatches from Cape Town describe the raiders as doing little harm and as being rapidly enclosed by Lord Kitchener's combination. Lord Kitchener is in the heart of the disaffected districts. He has the advantage of being possibly acquainted with local conditions. Last March he supervised the suppression of the rising which occurred then. He is bringing down thousands of troops from the north.

The Standard's Cape Town correspondent says the loyalists demand that martial law shall be proclaimed throughout Cape Colony, but adds: "Such a step is now impossible owing to a lack of sufficient troops to enforce it."

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Cape Town says: "The pro-Boer press is singularly quiet. They have been made uneasy by the promptness and thoroughness of the military action, but reports from various parts of the western provinces foreshadow perilous possibilities.

"A responsible colonist who recently made a tour of the colony declares that 90 per cent of the Dutch are simply waiting for the appearance of a resourceful leader to rebel."

Civil railway traffic has been suspended largely in all parts of the colony, and the movements of both the Boers and the British are almost unknown in Cape Town.

# CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Senate business was transacted by the house today. The news of the death of Mrs. William F. Frye, wife of the president pro tem of the senate, conveyed officially to the body, and out of respect to her memory immediate adjournment was taken until January 3, 1901.

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The British press continues in the main optimistic, but the condition of affairs brings home the enormous difficulties that will face Lord Kitchener in patrolling and policing such vast tracts of territory even when the Boers shall be finally subdued.

The Daily Mail, which makes a strong appeal to the government to "face the facts and send Lord Kitchener more troops," says: "There is a real risk in being lulled to sleep by carefully censored messages."

WORD FROM CONGER.

Military Occupation to Continue Till China Settles.

Washington, Dec. 27.—A cablegram received at the state department from United States Minister Conger dated at Peking on the 24th inst., states that the first formal meeting between the diplomatic representatives and Prince Ching took place on the 24th. Ching presented the credentials of himself and Li Hung Chang, who was unable to attend owing to illness to the diplomatic representatives, who handed to him the international note. The officials of the state department are unwilling to venture a guess as to the length of time that will be consumed by the Chinese government in consideration of the note. The last article of the note notified the Chinese government that the occupation of Chi Li and Peking would continue until the Chinese government has complied with the terms of the note. It may be stated, however, that the United States is not bound or affected by this condition. Our occupancy from a military point of view has terminated and there is no disposition to renew it. As for the other powers it is expected that the main obstacle they will encounter in withdrawing under this condition will be found in the difficulty in obtaining satisfactory guarantees upon the Chinese promise to pay indemnities.

LEPROSY IS SPREADING.

No Less Than 30,000 Victims of Dread Disease in Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 28.—An appended report to General MacArthur's review of the civil affairs of the Philippines for the past fiscal year gives some rather startling facts regarding the introduction and prevalence of leprosy in the islands.

According to the estimates of the Franciscan fathers, says Major Guy L. Edie, the writer of the report, there are no less than 30,000 lepers in the archipelago, the major portion of these being in the Visayas. Leprosy was introduced in 1633, when the emperor of Japan sent a ship with 150 lepers on board to the Philippines as a present to be cared for by the Catholic priests.

Thus the seed was planted, and as no practical methods ever were adopted to eradicate the disease, or prevent its spread, it has taken firm root. A house to house inspection begun last January found more than a hundred lepers concealed in dwellings. These were sent to San Lazaro hospital in Manila, but many others escaped into the surrounding country. A commission is now engaged in the work of selecting a suitable island or islands for the purpose of isolating all lepers in the archipelago.

PRELIMINARY NOTE DELIVERED.

Now Up to the Chinese Commissioners to Make Answer.

Pekin, Dec. 26.—The preliminary joint note was delivered yesterday to the Chinese. Li Hung Chang found that he was unable to attend the meeting of the ministers, and his credentials and those of Prince Ching were presented by the latter to the foreign envoys. Prince Ching, replying to the Spanish minister, Senator E. J. De Cologan, who presented the note, said he would immediately communicate its contents to the emperor and assured the ministers that a speedy reply was the desire of the court, as it felt that all China wants peace and prosperity.

Roosevelt Removes an Attorney.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Governor Roosevelt has removed from office Col. Asa Bird Gardner, district attorney of New York county, on charges preferred by Deputy Attorney J. H. Hammond, and appointed Eugene J. Philbin, of the state county charities, to fill the vacancy. Mr. Philbin is a democrat.

Don't pull up on the road to success and wait for the other fellow to go ahead.

When dealing with a crank on a good turn-down deserves another.

# A Sacrifice To Conscience

by  
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## CHAPTER VI.—(Continued.)

"That is what I cannot tell you, Miss Lennox," said Paul. His heart had sunk like lead at her words, and still more at the change in her voice and expression. "But one thing I can tell you," he said, after a minute's pause—"I have doubts about the validity of the charges made against the accused, and I could not conscientiously take up the side of the prosecution when I am more than doubtful of the criminal's guilt."

Cecil burst into a laugh.

Paul felt a chill come over him as he heard that laugh, clear and silvery as it was.

"Oh, just young Judge!—a Daniel come to judgment!" she cried, in a tone of mockery, which hit Paul hard in her voice. "Why, it is the first time I knew of a barrister being troubled with a conscience where a brief was concerned! My dear Mr. Enderby, you are going to let all chances slip past you like this? If so, do your friends need to look forward to the time when you will be a successful Queen's Counsel or aspiring to the Woolpack?"

"If success depends on my putting wealth and ambition before honor and justice as an end, Miss Lennox," Paul answered gravely, "I certainly shall not attain it. But you do not mean what you say?" he added, a tone of keen pain in his voice.

He turned to her suddenly, and looking into the beautiful, fascinating face, a sudden wave of hot, young passion swept over him and he seized her hands.

"Cecil," he said, a little hoarsely, "for pity's sake say you do not mean that! I would willingly win fame and wealth that I might win you; but even for so precious a prize I cannot sacrifice my sense of right. Tell me, is there any hope for me, even if I do not attain such success as you dream of?"

For a moment there was silence—a silence during which Enderby's heart beat with almost-stopping speed. He dared not look into her beautiful face. If he had done so, he would have seen an expression that would have chilled the warm passion in his voice.

At last she said, almost in a whisper, though they were in a deserted corner of the room, with no one near: "Paul, I have always looked forward to your success, because—because I wished it to be also mine. Shall we make a compact 'twixt us twain, as Scotch people say? If you undertake this case with my father, and the case is won, we shall take future successes as granted, and you will win that prize you speak of."

Enderby's face paled, and his throat swelled, his pulses beat with the wild, strong pulsations of victory. He had just dared to hope for this great prize, and now, lo, it was almost within his hands! Almost! For nothing stood between him and it but this wretched man, who might be dying, or might be insane, for anything he knew, and his daughter. Nothing but a half-formed belief in the innocence of a criminal whose case he had not investigated. And all his future happiness was at stake.

Suddenly, as Paul Enderby hesitated, there came to his memory the words he had heard chanted in the gray old abbey last night:

"He that hath not taken reward against the innocent... though it were to his own hindrance."

He turned towards Cecil, the flush gone out of his face, his lips suddenly grave and set.

"You do not ask me to do this thing, Cecil—to sell my soul for your love?"

Her ripe red lips curved themselves as if into a laugh, then became steady, and, bending a little nearer to him, she whispered:

"Would you not give up anything on earth for my love, Paul?"

Somehow, the whisper, meant to tempt him beyond resistance, was the means of strengthening the manhood and uprightness of Paul Enderby. For one moment—only one—that strange revulsion of feeling which sometimes comes to a man in his love for a woman, came over him. He felt as if the beautiful girl he had loved so passionately had undergone some such change as that which the lovely Geraldine underwent when

"The lady's eyes they shrank in her head—  
Each shrank up to a serpent's eye."  
and he saw her as a temptress, not as the woman he loved. He looked at her in the face.

"Anything but manhood and honor, Cecil. I should be worthy of scorn and contempt if I sold them for my happiness, or for the fulfillment of my dearest earthly hope."

For a moment Cecil Lennox's fair face grew dark and evil. She was accustomed to flattery and love. They were the very life of her soul, the breath of her life. She herself felt for Paul Enderby such love as such a woman is capable of; but in this moment it was changed to angry hatred.

"Very well," she said, all the softness gone out of her caressing tones, and a harsh ring in them which Enderby had never heard before, "that settles the question for us, Mr. Enderby.

I have no doubt your decision is a wise one—for me. And now, will you excuse me if I speak to someone else? I see some of my friends are growing impatient."

Enderby bowed and left her, feeling as if a page in his life had closed forever.

## CHAPTER VII.

It was the next day before Enderby was able to call upon Dr. Bunthorne.

"You are interested in these people, Enderby?" said the doctor, looking at the young man sharply.

Dr. Bunthorne was a clever man of middle age, whom Paul had known for many years.

"Were you aware the sick man had a doctor of his own attending him—Dr. Lyndon, whom I know by name and report?"

"I was aware of that, Dr. Bunthorne, though I did not mention it to you for fear professional etiquette, of which you doctors make a divinity, should prevent your going. The truth is, I'm afraid, Dr. Bunthorne, what I am going to say will be held as confidential!"

"Certainly! At the same time, you know, my dear Enderby, medical men make it a rule never to hear anything to each other's disadvantage?"

"More of your etiquette!" cried Enderby. "Well, I'm not going to say anything against your brother-professional; I'm simply going to ask your advice."

Very briefly he told how he had first met Jasmine Lloyd, and then repeated the incident of his last visit, and Jasmine's statement about the strange attacks to which her father had twice succumbed.

Dr. Bunthorne listened in silence, and when Paul ceased, he asked:

"Do you happen to have this bottle of medicine with you?"

Enderby produced it from an inner pocket, and laid it on Dr. Bunthorne's table. It was a large bottle, with the label on which "Hypophosphates" was printed still upon it.

The doctor lifted it and looked at it critically. There was a very small quantity of light-colored fluid at the bottom. The doctor uncorked it, and applied his nose to the mouth.

"Seems all right," he said critically. "However, you leave it with me, and I shall have it analyzed by my own analytical chemist. I don't half like the business, mind you; still, as you have applied to me, I feel bound to satisfy you so far. But, you know, thing is absurd. Dr. —, the man we speak of, has the highest reputation!"

"What should you say Mr. Lloyd was suffering from?" Enderby interrupted.

"Well—ahem!—one hardly cares to say from a first examination. It looks rather like an epileptic attack from your description. He seemed all right when I saw him, only his mind was wandering a bit; he evidently did not know who or what I was."

"And yet when I spoke to him a few days ago, he was perfectly sensible, and as sane as you or I," said Enderby. "Do attacks of this kind you speak of not affect the mind permanently?"

"Usually," answered the doctor dryly. "But, of course, there are cases of periodical insanity. I should say this is one."

As Paul Enderby walked slowly away from the doctor's West End house, he asked himself if perhaps he had been too hasty in forming his conclusions? Had his instinctive dislike of Dr. Lyndon misled him? If David Lloyd and the man Gerard were one and the same person—as he felt sure they were—was it not very likely that Sir Henry Lennox's account was the correct one, and that the crime of five years ago had been committed in a fit of temporary mental aberration?

He was very busy after that for a day or two. A brief had been put into his hands, and he had to be a good deal with his solicitor.

He was glad to be occupied just then. It kept him from thinking of Cecil Lennox, as he imagined he should do had he much leisure. He had been in love with her—of that he had no doubt, and he had lost her forever. It was natural he should feel such a blow deeply.

And yet, when leisure did come, the singular thing was that it was not Cecil Lennox's face which came up in Enderby's mind and haunted him so persistently. It was the soft, delicate face, half-child's, half-woman's, of Jasmine Lloyd.

Towards the end of the week he made up his mind to go and see them. He was turning round the corner which led to Burdon Mansions when a closed carriage drove rapidly past him.

Something in the turn-out seemed familiar to Enderby. He glanced at it, and as it rolled past him he caught a glimpse of the inmate—Sir Henry Lennox, leaning back on his cushions, his hands idly crossed on his knees, his eyes upon them, his face ghastly pale!

Could he have been seeing David Lloyd? The thought flashed through Enderby's mind, only to be dismissed instantly. But he hurried on towards the block of dull gray buildings, and in

a few minutes found himself before the Lloyd's door.

But just as he was about to knock there was a sound of hurried steps inside, the door flew open, and Jasmine, pale and breathless, almost fell into Enderby's arms.

"Oh, Mr. Enderby! Oh, thank God! My father—my dear father! I think he is dying!"

"No, no, my child; not that—not so bad as that," said Enderby soothingly, and she herself was shaking from head to foot—and drawing her gently within the house, closed the door.

Jasmine was not crying, but her breath was coming in short, pitiful gasps, and there was a look of such terrible fear and grief in her dark eyes as touched Enderby strangely, feeling of pitying tenderness took possession of him.

"May I go to see him?" he asked, still holding her hand.

"Yes—oh, yes! But I am afraid no one can do much for him—not even a doctor. And his mind—oh, that is the worst of it—that is the worst of it!" cried the girl passionately, yet with strange control over her voice, so that it never rose above a whisper.

"He doesn't seem to know me—and he says such terrible things!"

They were at the door of the bedroom, which stood ajar. Jasmine went in, and Enderby followed her; and as he did so he heard the low, weak murmur of a voice that went on talking without cessation or alteration of tone. Jasmine grasped his arm, uttering a little cry under her breath.

"Look! look! Oh, he is looking at you!"

"The sick man had suddenly risen in bed. His ghastly face, hollow-cheeked and sunken-eyed, was turned to the door; in the dim eyes there was a strange flash of fire. He raised a thin, shaking finger, and pointed it at Enderby.

"Yes, it was for her sake I did it. Hal—and for yours! Oh, God, to think what I have suffered all these years for your sake! And now I am come back, this is how you treat me! Hal, Hal, old friend, mate of other days, whom I loved and was proud of because you were getting on so well, and I—I knew I had helped you—yet how did you repay me? And my child—my little Jasmine, my little one—will you bring this shame on her head? Oh, God, most merciful, in His name, Hal, you will do it—you will!"

He fell back on his pillows with a moan, and his eyes closed. Jasmine, a sob bursting from her lips, sprang forward; but Enderby was before her. He bent over the sick man.

"No, no; thank God, he lives yet! Have you anything to give him to strengthen him? A little wine or brandy?"

"I have Doctor Lyndon's medicines, but I dare not give him any," whispered the girl, in an agonized tone. "He took the medicine—Doctor Lyndon gave it to him when I was out—and I am sure that has hurt him. Tell me what I shall do."

"Stay with him, and I shall run out myself for something," said Enderby hurriedly, and he was just about to do so when the sick man suddenly opened his eyes, and fixed them on Enderby's face. Then, with a great effort, he raised himself once more on his pillow, and spoke in a changed voice, slow and deliberate, yet with a certain determination in it. His eyes were fixed on Enderby's face, and the latter felt a strange thrill, so like did it seem as though the words were actually spoken to him.

"Then there is only one thing for me to do, and I will do it, Hal, for my child's sake. I must tell the whole truth, and I can do so. I have the proof—the proof!"

Once more he fell back in bed, his eyes closed. Enderby felt his pulse. It beat pretty regularly, though feebly and slowly.

(To be Continued.)

## A KING'S WIFE.

Dilett Selection Usually Falls to the Lot of Statesman.

Selecting a wife for a king is as difficult as picking out a good horse, and in some instances it has been carried out in much the same manner. When Henry VII. of England meditated espousing the princess of Naples he sent three commissioners to examine and report on her attractions and qualifications—mental, moral and physical. The envoys were instructed to study the habits and character of the princess, to test the soundness of her lungs and to note her personal appearance, with especial reference to the color of her hair and the shape of her nose. They performed their duty with scrupulous fidelity and made a detailed report. "The nose of the princess," they wrote, "has a little elevation in the middle of its length, from which point it bends down toward her lips, as if it were seeking to kiss them." Being permitted to kiss her hand they utilized the occasion to study that member with care and reported that it was of a pretty shape and soft as satin, adding that her eyes were brown and her eyebrows and hair nearly black. They took such note of her respiration as circumstances and etiquette permitted. The king was desirous of obtaining a wife who was not addicted to the use of perfumes and the commissioners were able to report that the princess, like a rose, exhaled only her own fragrance. Her disposition appeared to them to be a happy combination of modesty and sprightliness. But notwithstanding this pleasing description the king did not marry her. Perhaps the nose was too much for him.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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Many Casualties to Canadians.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 28.—Col. Otter and a number of officers and men of the first Canadian contingent, which did such excellent service in South Africa, have reached here after an absence of fourteen months. Col. Otter states that from first to last there were 847 casualties in his command, out of a total of 1,030, but many of the men were, of course, able to resume service after a few days' treatment in the field hospitals.

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It appears that one Boer column attacked Steynsburg, but was repulsed and fled, intrenching itself in the mountains. Another Boer commando captured a party of police at Venterstad. Mounted colonial troops surprised 300 Boers fifteen miles from Burgersdorp, Dec. 23, and after a brisk interchange of volleys, retired with a loss of two men.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Times telegraphs that scarcely any Cape Colonists have joined the invaders.

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Captured by Boers.

Cape Town, Dec. 27.—A squadron of yeomanry which had been following the Boers from Britstown is reported to have been entrapped. There were several casualties, it is said, and the remainder of the force was captured.

Lord Roberts at Madeira.

Funchal, Island of Madeira, Dec. 27.—The steamer Canada, with Lord Roberts on board, arrived here last evening, receiving a salute of nineteen guns on entering the port.

This morning Lord Roberts was tendered an official reception by the authorities, and at noon, aboard the Canada, he will proceed to Gibraltar.

Gov. Stanley Favors Hanging.

Wichita, Kas., Dec. 28.—Gov. Stanley's message will ask that capital punishment be revived by special act of the legislature. Gov. Stanley believes capital punishment in all the states would lessen the number of lynchings. He has made a special study on this line.

Mob Wrecks Objectionable Saloon.

Flora, Ind., Dec. 28.—The Burlington club house, known as the Blue Goose, was again last night the object of the wrath of a mob. All the windows were broken out, the doors smashed, and the liquor kegs rolled into the street and emptied into the gutters.

Friend of Roger Wolcott.

Mexico, Mo., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Charles Lander, 82 years old, died in this city after an illness of two years. Mrs. Lander was, as far as known, the last survivor who knew Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln.

Estate of Roger Wolcott.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—The estate of the late Roger Wolcott represents, according to the assessors' books of Boston and Milton, about \$246,000. The real value would be considerably in excess of that amount.

## SALT AS LIFE'S ELIXIR.

University Professors Say They Have Discovered Great Secret.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Salt in solution causes rhythmical beats of the heart and can be used to prolong life, according to conclusions reached by two professors at the University of Chicago after months of experiment. Dr. Jacques Loeb and Prof. D. J. Lingle announce that they have discovered the force which starts the heart pulsating. Thus after centuries of study in school and monastery, after long search by adventurers who sought to find the secret of life in fountains gushing from earth, in alchemists' concoctions and in witches' charms the elixir is said to be at hand in one of the cheapest and plainest commodities that man knows of.

Experiments have been conducted by the university men on turtles. First the decapitation of the hard-shelled victim was accomplished in as painless a manner as possible. The lower part of the shell was then removed and the heart was taken from the body. A small strip was removed from one of the ventricles and suspended in various solutions. Only when it was suspended in a mixture in which salt, technically known as sodium chloride, was the chief component, did it beat steadily.

Three theories brought forward by scientific men to explain the beating of the heart are said by the Chicago professors to have been demolished by their tests. Explanations that are said to have been relegated to the realm of the superstitious are the early belief that the heart throbs because it is full of blood, the idea of Prof. J. H. Hall of the University of Michigan that the protoids in the blood cause the pulsation and the nerve-action theory of Prof. Winger of Johns Hopkins university.

Whether the new theory will result in developments that will make it possible for life to be restored where the decedent has not sustained a violent death remains to be demonstrated. In cases of hemorrhage the saline solution has been used for years.

## New Smelter Is Started.

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 27.—The new Rocky Mountain smelter at Florence, forty miles up the Arkansas river, was fired and began operations today. With this addition the Arkansas Valley of Colorado is the greatest center of metalliferous reduction works in America, there being a string of reduction plants extending from Leadville to Pueblo. The new smelter cost \$750,000. Most of the capital came from the east. The works start with a capacity of 600 tons of ore a day, but this is to be doubled during the next year. The ores treated will come mostly from Cripple Creek, Leadville and Silver Cliff.

## Stovemakers in a Truce.

New York, Dec. 27.—A special to the World from Toronto says: After nearly a year's work, Dr. McCauley of Chicago has got all the stovemaking firms in Canada to form a syndicate.

The capital is placed at \$6,000,000, and the works of the combine will eventually concentrate at Hamilton and Toronto. The president of the combine will be from Toronto or Hamilton, and it is expected that all the works will be concentrated in these two cities.

## On Her Way to Panama.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 27.—The cruiser Phaeton of the British Pacific squadron has put in here on her way from Esquimalt to Panama, whither she was ordered on account of the Colombian rebellion and the disturbances which may follow it. It was not the intention to stop at this port, but one of the sailors is suffering from a fractured leg and will be left here.

## Drunken Man's Fatal Frank.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—James Kennedy lies at the point of death at the city hospital. He went into a saloon last night intoxicated, ordered a drink, shot a glass out of the hand of a bystander and put a bullet into his own head before he was interfered with. The man he shot was a stranger to him.

## Big Fire in Calgary, N. W. T.

Calgary, N. W. T., Dec. 27.—The most destructive fire in the history of Calgary raged today, and wrought damage estimated at \$100,000. Several of the finest business structures fell prey to the flames, notably the Clarence, Eau Claire and new Norman blocks.

## Paderewski Believed Alive.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Inquiries in quarters most likely to be correctly informed or the subject show that nothing is known in Paris to justify the report circulated in the United States that M. Ignacy Paderewski, the pianist, has been killed in a duel in France.

## Educators Meet in Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.—Prominent historians, educators and political economists have gathered in Detroit in attendance at the annual convention of the American Economic Association and the American Historical Association, which opened today.

## Teeth of Mastodon Found.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 27.—Near Weatherford yesterday men were digging a well unearthed two teeth of a mastodon weighing fourteen pounds each, and an immense horn or tusk, eleven feet long and three feet in circumference.

## Killed by a Wabash Train.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 28.—George Guss was killed early this morning by a Wabash train two miles east of Decatur.

## NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Des Moines, December 27, 1900.

Adjutant General M. H. Byers announces that he has determined upon the three Iowa cities which will get the vacant company positions in the Iowa national guard. They will be Atlantic, Winkler and Albia. Just what companies will go to these towns is yet undecided. The three places vacant are Company A of the Fifty-fifth Iowa, which was formerly at Keokuk; Company G of the Fifty-first Iowa, formerly at Creston, and Company H of the Fifty-first Iowa, formerly at Des Moines.

The supreme court has sustained the constitutionality of the medical practice act on the very point where in it was supposed to be weak, and on which two district judges have declared against it. In the case of the state vs. Blair, from Audubon county, Judge N. W. Macy discharged the defendant, an itinerant physician who had not paid the state license, holding that the medical practice act requiring this license was unconstitutional, because it granted certificates to practice to physicians who had practiced five years in the state, three of which were in one locality. The supreme court holds that an itinerant physician is "usually wanting in honesty and too frequently a charlatan or quack."

Fifty-six opinions, the largest number ever handed down in a single day by the supreme court, were filed December 22d. Among these was an important decision in the case of the state of Iowa, appellant, vs. B. F. Schlenker, appellee. This was an appeal from the Polk county district court and a decision of Judge C. A. Bishop in a case in which the defendant, a Des Moines milk dealer, was accused of the crime of selling milk adulterated with boric acid. The court did not hesitate to speak in terms that reflected severely on Judge Bishop's decision. The decision of the supreme court, written by Judge Deemer, was a complete victory for the state and upholding the constitutionality of the statute. In the district court the defendant's motion in arrest of the judgment, based on the proposition that the statute was and is unconstitutional, was sustained and he was released. The state appealed.

The supreme court has handed down an opinion affirming the verdict against R. W. Boeger, in Decatur county, in which he was assessed \$375 damages for having forcibly hugged and kissed Miss Mae Bremer. The court finds nothing in the twenty-two alleged errors in the lower trial which would justify it in disturbing the verdict, which seems to be righteous.

The State Equal Suffrage association has all its plans perfected for the commencement of an aggressive campaign at the first of the year. A number of new organizers will be placed in the field, and the work will be carried on with energy until next June, when it is the intention to have every county in the state organized so that there may be ninety-nine representatives from this state at the national convention, which will be held at Minneapolis during the month of June. Those who are interested in the work propose to fulfill the wishes of the national organizers and do everything possible to make Iowa a suffrage state. The headquarters of the suffragists are open all the time, and the work is never allowed to cease. Literature is being sent out continually. Mrs. Nellie Nelson, the corresponding secretary, has charge of the work, and in a measure takes the place of the state chairmen of the political parties.

There has been considerable discussion among the Commercial Exchange directors and members of the army post committee in regard to naming the army post. No one seems to know just how the government proceeds in naming new posts, but it is thought any reasonable name the city might suggest would be adopted. It has been suggested that the post be called Fort Hull, in recognition of the work Captain Hull has done in securing its establishment. Fort Des Moines has also been suggested. The latter meets with more general favor. It is thought it will benefit the city more than any other, giving the town a wide range of free advertising. Other suggestions are Fort Crocker and Fort Kirkwood.

## TWO PRINCES ARRESTED.

Tuan and Chang Apprehended and Held for Trial.

London, Dec. 27.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Standard says: "The government has arrested Prince Tuan and Prince Chang on the borders of the Shan Si and Shou Si provinces. Yu Hsien has been ordered to return to Sian Fu forthwith, to be executed, it is supposed. It is inferred from these reports that the imperial authorities are preparing to concede the demands of the joint note for the punishment of the instigators of the trouble in China."

## BLOCKS PAYMENT TO CRAMPS.

Protest by Germany to the Sultan Impedes Cruiser Contract.

Constantinople, Dec. 25.—The expected imperial irade authorizing the signing of the contract for the construction of a cruiser for the Ottoman navy by the Cramp Shipbuilding company, together with the initial deposit of £100,000, has not yet been issued. It appears the German embassy has protested to the porte against the payment to the Cramps before the amount owing to Herr Krupp for naval guns has been paid.

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Some girls meet over a novel hero while their mothers wrestle with a scrubbing brush.

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Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and La Grippe during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Whitfield & Co., 216 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in the city, in speaking of this, says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for La Grippe in many cases; as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of La Grippe to result in pneumonia." For sale by all Druggists.

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**ARRIVE.**  
 9:30 p. m. Chicago Limited. 9:35 p. m.  
 10:00 p. m. Day Express & Mail. 10:05 p. m.  
 10:30 p. m. Night Express. 10:35 p. m.  
 11:00 p. m. Day Express. 11:05 p. m.  
 11:30 p. m. Hawkeye Limited. 11:35 p. m.  
**C. R. I. & P., GOING WEST.**  
 6:30 a. m. Denver Limited. 6:35 a. m.  
 7:00 a. m. Night Limited Express. 7:05 a. m.  
 7:30 a. m. Day Express. 7:35 a. m.  
 8:00 a. m. Rocky Mountain Limited. 8:05 a. m.  
 8:30 a. m. Fast Mail. 8:35 a. m.  
**C. R. I. & P. TO KEOKUK.**  
 11:30 a. m. Elion. 11:35 a. m.  
 12:00 p. m. Keokuk. 12:05 p. m.  
**DES MOINES & PORTLAND.**  
 8:00 p. m. Hudson Mail & Express. 8:05 p. m.  
 8:30 p. m. Tara and Fort Dodge. 8:35 p. m.  
 9:00 p. m. Minn. and St. Paul. 9:05 p. m.  
 9:30 p. m. St. Paul and Minn. Flyer. 9:35 p. m.  
**INDIANOLA & WINTERSSET BRANCH.**  
 11:00 a. m. Winterset Accommodation. 11:05 a. m.  
 11:30 p. m. Indianola Express. 11:35 p. m.  
**CHICAGO GREAT WESTERN-NORTH.**  
 8:15 p. m. Chicago and St. Paul Lim. 8:20 p. m.  
 8:45 p. m. Chicago and St. Paul Ex. 8:50 p. m.  
 9:15 p. m. Twin Cities Special. 9:20 p. m.  
**CHICAGO GREAT WESTERN-SOUTH.**  
 8:00 a. m. Kansas City Limited. 8:05 a. m.  
 8:30 a. m. Day Express. 8:35 a. m.  
 9:00 p. m. Night Express. 9:05 p. m.  
**CHICAGO BURLINGTON & QUINCY.**  
 11:30 p. m. Albia and Burlington Pass. 11:35 p. m.  
 12:00 p. m. Chicago and Peoria Express. 12:05 p. m.  
 1:00 p. m. Albia Accommodation. 1:05 p. m.  
**KEOKUK & WESTERN.**  
 11:00 a. m. Mail and Express. 11:05 a. m.  
 11:30 p. m. Mail and Express. 11:35 p. m.  
**CHICAGO & NORTH WESTERN.**  
 6:30 p. m. Sioux City, N. & W. 6:35 p. m.  
 11:00 p. m. Colorado Special. 11:05 p. m.  
 11:30 p. m. Chicago Limited. 11:35 p. m.  
 12:00 a. m. Dakota Limited. 12:05 a. m.  
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 1:00 a. m. Chicago Night Express. 1:05 a. m.  
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 2:00 p. m. Fast Mail. 2:05 p. m.  
**C. M. & ST. P.-FONDA LINE.**  
 11:30 a. m. Fonda Express. 11:35 a. m.  
 12:00 p. m. Fonda & Sioux City Lim. 12:05 p. m.  
**C. M. & ST. P.-BOONE LINE.**  
 11:30 a. m. Boone Mail and Express. 11:35 a. m.  
 12:00 p. m. Mail and Express. 12:05 p. m.  
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 You are hereby notified, that the following described real estate, situated in Polk County, Iowa, to-wit: Lot Fifty-nine (59) in T. M. Walker's Addition to the City of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the taxes of 1896 on the seventh day of December 1897 to W. H. Boyle; that the certificate of sale thereof has been assigned to and is now owned and held by Daniel T. Patton, and that the right of redemption will expire, and a Treasurer's Deed for said land will be made unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from the date of completed service of this notice. You will govern yourself accordingly.  
 Dated this 24th day of October A. D. 1900. Daniel T. Patton, By Geo. Harnagel, his agent.

**NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.**  
 To Margaret A. Warr:  
 You are hereby notified, that the following described real estate, situated in Polk County, Iowa, to-wit: Lot Six (6) in Block "A" of the town of Mitchellville, Polk County, Iowa, was sold for the taxes of 1896 on the sixth day of December 1897 to Daniel T. Patton; that said Daniel T. Patton is still the owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of said sale, and that the right of redemption will expire, and a Treasurer's Deed for said land will be made unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from the date of completed service of this notice. You will govern yourself accordingly.  
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The object in pursuing this course is to become rapidly and personally acquainted with the sick and afflicted, and under no consideration whatever will any charges be made for any services rendered for three months, medicine excepted, to all who call before January 12th. The doctors treat all forms of disease and deformities, and guarantee a cure in every case they undertake. At the first interview a thorough examination is made; and, if incurable you are frankly and kindly told so, also advised against spending your money for useless treatment.

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**SPECIAL NOTICE**—If you cannot call, send stamp for question blank for home treatment

To Thos. Mitchell and T. P. Daniels:  
 You are hereby notified, that the following described real estate, situated in Polk County, Iowa, to-wit: Lot Eleven (11) in Block "N" in the town of Mitchellville, Polk County, Iowa, was sold for the taxes of 1896 on the sixth day of December 1897 to Daniel T. Patton; that said Daniel T. Patton is still the owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of said sale, and that the right of redemption will expire, and a Treasurer's Deed for said land will be made unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from the date of completed service of this notice. You will govern yourself accordingly.  
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 You are hereby notified, that the following described real estate, situated in Polk County, Iowa, to-wit: Lot Fourteen (14) in Block Five (5) of Hawthorne Grove, now included in and forming part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the taxes of 1896 on the sixth day of December 1897 to Daniel T. Patton; that said Daniel T. Patton is still the owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of said sale, and that the right of redemption will expire, and a Treasurer's Deed for said land will be made unless redemption from such sale be made within ninety days from the date of completed service of this notice. You will govern yourself accordingly.  
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**NEWTON NOTES.**  
 Mrs. Paul Walden has returned from her visit in Des Moines and reports a splendid time.  
 Mrs. Fred Green departed for Chicago last Wednesday afternoon, where she will remain indefinitely with her mother.  
 Mrs. John Hale and son Roy, who have been on the sick list, are reported better at this writing.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fipe departed for Ottumwa Monday evening, where they will make their future home. They carry with them the best wishes of a host of friends.  
 Rev. Basfield was a Colfax visitor last week.  
 Great preparations are being made for the Emancipation celebration to be held in Armory hall January 1. Numerous visitors are expected to be present from different parts of the state, and the committees are sparing nothing that will make the affair a success.  
 Miss Eldora Green will attend the banquet given by the Tenth Century club in Muechlincoch the 21st inst.  
 Mrs. Wm. Moore entertained a number of her friends at dinner Christmas day.

Miss Eva Craig of Grinnell will arrive in our city Saturday to visit friends.  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Miller celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Christmas day. About 30 of their friends were present. A bountiful feast was served and all enjoyed themselves hugely. They received many useful presents.

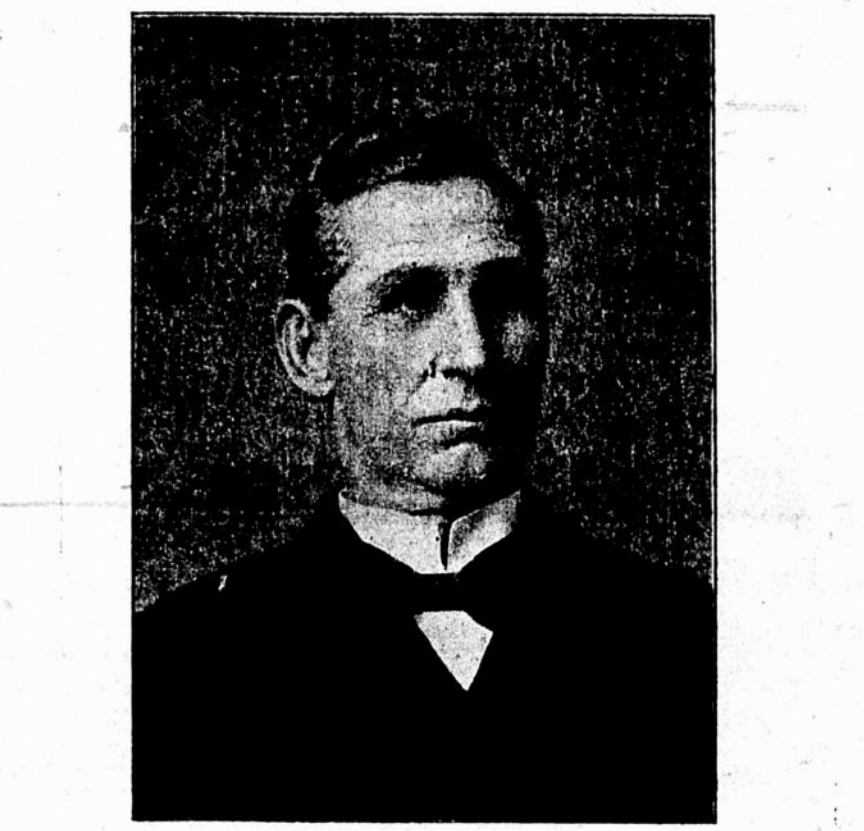
**COLFAX.**  
 Our many friends have enjoyed Santa Claus' visit. The children were quite disappointed by not getting any presents Monday evening. The committee was preparing for a nice tree but through Miss Beatrice Terrill's misfortune the tree was burned and many costly presents destroyed.  
 Mrs. Georgia Over is visiting in Evans, Iowa.  
 Mrs. Caval was called to Oskaloosa to the bedside of her father, Mr. Ford, who is reported very sick.  
 Will Oliver of Hawkins is visiting his mother, Mrs. Oliver.  
 Mr. Brown of Des Moines was the guest of Mr. Henry Banks last Sunday.  
 Mrs. James entertained Miss Nora Dysart, Mr. Will Oliver and Mr. Leo Walker last Tuesday.  
 Mr. Joe James was a Des Moines visitor last Saturday.  
 Mr. Henry Banks is visiting at his home this week.  
 Mrs. Henry Johnson entertained Miss Essie Oliver, Nora Dysart, Mr. Leo Walker and Mr. Eddie Weeks last Tuesday evening in honor of her cousin, Miss Nesbitt of Des Moines. Light refreshments were served.

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I have several small houses with 3 to 6 rooms that can be sold on payment and bargain. Stop paying rent and pay for a home.  
 Also have several nice desirable residence lots, will sell on payments. If you will write me stating what you want, I will call and see you and give you prices and terms. This is equal to savings bank.  
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**HON. S. F. PROUTY.**  
 For years past the ninth judicial district has been noted for the high legal attainments and personal worth of those who have occupied the bench and in the election of Hon. S. F. Prouty its high character has been accentuated. Judge Prouty comes from Marion county where he stood at the head of the bar, having gained the reputation of being as thoroughly versed in the law as any other attorney in the state. He soon demonstrated that his elevation to the bench was a wise move of the voters, he has achieved a most enviable reputation. In presiding over the criminal branch of the court he became known for his fairness and conscientiousness, being always tireless in his efforts to get the facts in every case and was never accused of making an unfair decision. After January 1 he will preside over the civil department where he will have better opportunities to exercise his legal knowledge and fine judgment in intricate legal points. Born in Ohio in 1854, he came to Marion county the next year. He attended the district schools, spent two years at Indianola college and graduated from Central University in 1877, having worked his way through and was appointed professor of Latin for four years. In 1876 he won first honors in the State Oratorical contest and the next year second honors in the Interstate contest. In 1879 he was elected a member of the state legislature, being the youngest man in the state elected to that body, and in 1882 began practicing law. Judge Prouty is a courteous, affable, popular gentleman, and it is safe to say that the honors thus far bestowed upon him are only the prelude to higher honors.



**JOHN MCKAY, SR., COUNTY TREASURER.**  
 Mr. McKay is a well known business man, having for several years been treasurer of the Keystone Coal Company. He formerly represented the First ward in the city council, where he looked closely after the interests of his ward and the entire city. In his present position he has shown the same disposition to closely watch the people's interests and to conduct his office on business principles in the most economical manner consistent with good service and to the satisfaction of the people. Mr. McKay was born in Scotland in 1843. He emigrated to Ohio in 1865, came to Iowa in 1873, and to Des Moines in 1891. He has been engaged in the coal business practically all of his life. His standing in business circles is of the highest character.

**HON. C. P. HOLMES.**  
 It is a good deal like gilding refined gold to say anything about Judge Holmes, who has lived here so long and is so well known that nothing the Bystander could say would add anything to the knowledge of its readers, except perhaps to a limited number. Nearly all know personally or by reputation the jurist who has rendered decisions from the bench of the Ninth district for the past ten years, and who for twenty-seven years previously was a member of the bar of Polk county. Judge Holmes was born in New York in 1839. He came to Iowa in 1856, read law, was admitted to the bar when 21 years old and practiced at Anamosa until December, 1863, when he was appointed deputy treasurer of state and removed to Des Moines, where he has ever since resided. He became a Judge of the Ninth district ten years ago and so well did he discharge the duties of the position that he was re-elected twice since. His decisions have always been characterized by absolute fairness, and no suitor in his court can justly complain that he has not received justice. Personally Judge Holmes is a most unassuming gentleman, plain in manner and always courteous, possessing the respect and confidence of all.  
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 It was the earnest desire of the friends of the measure creating the board of control that the members should be men of such business experience and high standing as would inspire confidence. Therefore the selection of Judge L. G. Kinne, one of the most eminent jurists of Iowa, gave general satisfaction. Born in Syracuse, N. Y., in 1846, and after receiving an average education he read law. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1868 and in 1869 came to Iowa, locating at Toledo. In 1894 he removed to Des Moines. He was twice candidate for governor on the democratic ticket, in 1881 and 1883. In 1884 he was the democratic nominee for United States senator and received more votes than any democratic nominee up to that time. In 1887 he was elected to the district bench, serving until 1891, when he was elevated to the supreme bench, where his term expired January 1, 1898. Judge Kinne's abilities as a lawyer and jurist are universally recognized and he commands the respect and confidence of the public.

**FRED A. COPE, AUDITOR ELECT.**  
 It is a sterling tribute to Fred A. Cope that he is elected to one of the most important county offices at a younger age than men usually are. He was born in Brooklyn, Iowa, October 1, 1866, and in 1872 came to Polk county. He was educated in the country schools and the local seminary and received his commercial education at a Des Moines business college, is also a graduate of the law school of Drake University and was admitted to the bar in May, 1899. He was appointed deputy auditor in 1893 and elected auditor last fall. His educational training and practical experience pre-eminently fit him for the management of an office in which he has so creditably served as deputy, and his courteous and obliging disposition will add scores of friends to those already gained.

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**PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION**

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"Well, well, so this is New Year's day," said Mr. Spooner. "Do you remember how we quarreled this day one year ago?"

"Remember! I think I do!" cried his wife. "Why, the cards were ordered when it happened, and I didn't know whether I could have your name taken out and Dick's inserted, in case I changed my mind."

"In case I changed my mind, you mean, dear. Strange that I never suspected how much poor Dora cared for me until that day."

"I'm sure she had concealed it very well—the way she ran after Dick, as if he ever had eyes for anybody but me! He never told his love, but a woman's intuition was—"

"A synonym of vanity, dear. Of course, I couldn't help knowing that she cared for me when I met her in the boarding house parlor, with her eyes full of tears, on the very morning after you had told Marie, her dearest friend, that we were to be married in a month."

"Humph, that girl would cry about anything; I've known her to cry when the villain in the play was killed—as if a villain could expect anything else in the last act. But as soon as I saw Dick that morning I knew that he knew it. Why, his necktie had slipped around under one ear and his voice, as he wished me a happy New Year, was so sad, that I felt guilty, though my conscience told me that I had not encouraged him."

"You've forgotten how you used to praise the shape of his head."

"As if that meant anything! A girl only praises the shape of a man's head when she can't find anything else to flatter him about. It—it means no more than it does when she tells a small man that he resembles Napoleon. But when I remembered that you had once gone down on the floor in your new trousers to pick up Dora's handkerchief I knew that I had been cruelly deceived. So when you reproached me about Dick, I—"

"I remember how badly I felt when she replied to my New Year's greeting with the remark that happiness for her was over forever. And before I could comfort her Miss Marie came in and I could only go sadly away without telling her that I should always be a brother to her."

"And poor Dick, I asked him if there was anything I could do for him; he replied: 'Yes, but just then the maid came in with a note for him, and he said he must go at once—I think he wished to be alone with his sorrow. Then you came in, and, instead of sharing my pity for him, you accused me of flirting with him!'"

"I—er—don't remember that. But wasn't it odd that before I left you forever, Miss Marie should come in and tell us that Dora and Dick were engaged! I've often wondered how it happened that they decided to console each other."

"Now—so have I. Why, here is Marie now—perhaps she can explain. Sit down, Marie, do. Tom and I are just going over old times. Do you remember last New Year's day, and—"

"Indeed I do. I've just been to see Dora, and she was talking about it. She and Dick quarreled last New Year's Eve about the date of their marriage, and almost parted forever."



**"SHE AND DICK QUARRELED."**

They think you both must have guessed it. I remember that Tom was in the parlor with Dora when I ran in on New Year's morning to tell her of your engagement. She had been to the point of asking him to help her to make up with Dick. And when she told me about it, I wrote him a note telling him that I believed she would forgive him if he came at once. That note found him at your house, Irene, where he had gone to ask your aid as peacemaker. Odd, wasn't it?"

**A Happy New Year.**

A happy New Year! How many people realize the meaning of the words as they go about with this familiar greeting upon their lips? "I wish you a happy New Year!" Does it not seem that the wish carries a blessing with it? And I believe it does when spoken by friends whose words are always true and sincere.

For the benefit of those thoughtless ones who never read between the lines, let us analyze this significant greeting.

In the first place we wish our friends happiness, and the next question which naturally suggests itself is, what constitutes happiness? A little friend of mine tells me that it is to eat all the candy he wants and not to go to bed until he wants to do so. Another friend of more mature years says that she would be perfectly happy if she had all the money she wanted to spend as she liked. Another desires fame, another social position. And so we might go on asking and finding out that almost every one has a different definition for happiness.

If the young lad were allowed to follow his own sweet will and surfeit himself with sweets and late hours, I think the result would be anything but happy. As for wealth, who can blame anyone for wishing for all that one cares to spend, and especially a woman to whom a separate income is the exception rather than the rule. It is the spending of it which decides the happiness or unhappiness of the possessor. I do not believe that any one was ever really happy who used wealth merely to gratify selfish ambitions.

Fame, too, is a good thing to possess, but how many who have gained this high pinnacle will tell you that it brings happiness. Social position is also something after which there is much striving. Yet when the coveted place is reached it is so often found to be barren, and happiness has no resting place there. Social position brings heavy responsibilities with it, and social duties are hard and laborious without the happy results that follow labor in more worthy causes.

It seems, then, that there must be some special way to happiness not easily found. There is, but it is easy enough to be seen by all who care to follow its winding way. Wiser heads than mine found out long ago that only in trying to make others happy is real happiness ever gained for oneself.

So in wishing our friends a happy New Year, we really obligate ourselves to do all that we can to make the

**Seasonable Sayings.**

The new leaf that very seldom gets turned over is the one in the diary.

Some men claim that they see the old year out and the new one in by getting so drunk that they can't see anything.

By New Year the silver plating wears off many a Christmas present.

A good beginning is half the battle except in the case of keeping a diary.

The new date is as hard to remember as the new leaf.

Even though the arctic explorer never discovers the north pole he deserves credit, for he always keeps a diary.

New Year gives us a chance to reciprocate to those who unexpectedly gave us a present at Christmas.

Seeing the old year out puts a man in a fit condition to swear off the next day.—N. Y. World.

**The New Year's Greeting.**

"You look worried, Brown," said Green.

"Worried! I should say I am. See those?" And he drew out of his overcoat pocket a great bundle of statements of accounts.

"Ha! ha!" laughed Green, "you will make Christmas present to your wife, will you, without counting the cost first?" The lines around Brown's eyes deepened and his mouth drooped sadly. "No," he said, "that's not it. These are not for presents I made my wife."

"Why, what are they for, then?" asked Green, wonderingly.

"For the presents my wife made me."

And the men shook hands in tender sympathy.—Detroit Free Press.

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wish come true; and for this reason the words should never be spoken idly, or used as a mere matter of form. On the other hand, to be sincere in the greeting and to do what the words imply, is certain to bring happiness to all.

And now, let us go on to the next word in the analysis, "new."

Everybody likes new things, unless an exception may be made to the so-called "new woman." New gowns, new bonnets, new personal belongings of all sorts appeal especially to women. While "clothes do not make the person," every one has learned that appearance in this world goes a long way toward success. Under the inspiration of knowing that one is well-dressed often one has done his best and the key note of success has been touched. It is human nature that womanhood should love pretty new dresses, new bonnets and dainty surroundings, so let no one accuse her of vanity for desiring them.

New ideas are sought after by the philosopher; new conditions by the scientist; new inventions by the inventor. Editors eagerly examine new matter; and that which is truly original or opens a new field of thought is never found "unavailable" no matter how poorly it may be written.

There is a constant hunt going on for something new to further stimulate the energies, ambitions and desires of the world's people; and never was this craving so apparent as now when we are closing the nineteenth century. Everyone seems to feel that we are on the verge of a new era which in spite of the inventions of the past is to be the most wonderful producing period in the world's progress. If the inhabitants of Mars continue to signal us, as has been stated, who knows but what some shrewd, enterprising Yankee will put on his thinking cap, build a flying machine that will overcome all atmospheric conditions and go sailing over to the planet one of these coming days? Perhaps the North Pole will be discovered in the same way, although why so many people will risk life and property to find a spot that is almost certain to contain nothing that will sustain life or hope, can only be laid to their insatiate greed for something new.

It is to be hoped, however, that while these greater things are going on, some one may invent an automatic servant that will get up in the morning without being called, never let the fires go out, wash our best china without breaking it, and, from the very nature of the invention, cannot "talk back" when we happen to go into the kitchen and scold a little—Household Realm.

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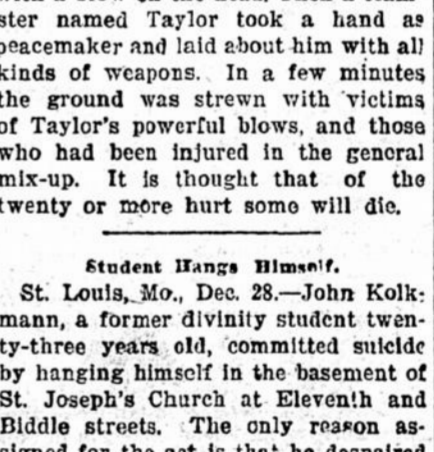
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Alexander Dumas, pere, was asked by an officious interviewer: "You are an octogenarian, are you not, Mr. Dumas?" "Certainly, but my father?" "And his father?" "A mulatto, madam!" "And his father?" "A negro, sir, a negro!" "Might I presume so far as to ask what his father was?" "An ape, sir, mon Dieu, it was!" "My pedigree ends where yours commences!"

**Old Parson Helton, a Baptist preacher, of Tennessee, had eighteen sons, and during the Civil War sixteen of them enlisted in the Union Army, and two sided with the Confederates. When the old minister had reached his eighty-eighth year, someone, who did not know about his sons' views, asked him where his sympathies lay during the war. "My sympathies were with the Union by fourteen majority," said the old man.**

**FOUR DOCTORS FAILED.**

A Michigan Lady's Battle With Disease and How It Was Won.

Flushing, Mich., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—One of the most active workers in the cause of Temperance and Social Reform in Michigan is Mrs. F. A. Passmore of this place. She is a prominent and very enthusiastic W. C. T. U. woman, and one who never loses an opportunity to strike a blow against the demon of Intemperance. Mrs. Passmore has suffered much bodily pain during the last three years through Kidney and Bladder Trouble. At times the pain was almost unbearable, and the good lady was very much distressed. She tried physician after physician, and each in turn failed to relieve her, let alone effect a cure. Home remedies suggested by anxious friends were applied, but all to no purpose. At last some one spoke of Dodd's Kidney Pills as a great remedy for all Kidney and Bladder Diseases, and Mrs. Passmore decided to try them. She did, and is now a well woman. She has given the following statement for publication:

At different times in the past three years, I have suffered severely with Kidney and Bladder Trouble, and after trying four of the best physicians I could hear of, two of them living in the state of New York, I found myself no better. I took any amount of home remedies suggested by kind friends, with little or no relief from anything. I decided to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. Less than one box has done me more good than all the other treatments combined. I am still using them, and can say from experience that they are an excellent remedy for Kidney and Bladder Trouble. I would heartily recommend them to all those suffering from these ills in like manner.

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The profit on England's postal service amounts to about \$20,000,000 a year.

**Stanton County, Nebraska.**

Stanton county, Nebraska, lies immediately west of Cuming county, of which we recently wrote. It, like Cuming county, is a farming district in the Elkhorn valley, and directly on the line of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley R. R. About fifty-five per cent of the land is under cultivation. The price for this cultivated land is \$22 to \$40 per acre—some probably higher, and some lower. The uncultivated land ranges in price from \$17.50 to \$30.00 per acre, and is worth every dollar of it.

Corn averages about thirty-five bushels per acre. Wheat about fifteen bushels per acre. Oats about 40 bushels per acre. The actual number of cattle in the county cannot be stated, but it is about 30,000 to 35,000 head, and there are quite as many, or more, head of hogs. The price of cattle ranges from \$4 to \$5 per cwt. Hogs, about 4 1/2c. for good stock. Corn is worth 30 cents per bushel.

This information enables us to see whether farming pays in Nebraska. With 35 bushels of corn at 30 cents per bushel, we have about \$10 income per acre, and as one team of horses and one man can care for forty acres it shows pretty good returns.

There is not any more beautiful locations in the State, or in any state than this. The Elkhorn river and several other running streams of water, are found in different parts of the county.

There are now a few excellent farms for sale at reasonable prices, and on easy terms. These probably are owned by persons who desire to exchange regular farming for stock raising, and want to go farther west, where they can get more land at very low prices.

Stanton county farms are near local markets, and only one hundred miles from Omaha.

Many sugar beets are raised in the county, and shipped to the North West Sugar factory. This is a profitable crop.

**Student Hangs Himself.**

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 28.—John Kolkmann, a former divinity student twenty-three years old, committed suicide by hanging himself in the basement of St. Joseph's Church at Eleventh and Biddle streets. The only reason assigned for the act is that he despaired of being able to pass the examination for the priesthood.

**Rockefeller's Grandchildren Ill.**

Tarrytown, N. Y., Dec. 28.—At John D. Rockefeller's country home the two children of Harold S. McCormick lie seriously ill with scarlet fever. Mrs. McCormick is the second daughter of Mr. Rockefeller. She and Mr. McCormick are at Pocantico Hills, with the physicians and nurses.

**Boys Drowned Skating.**

South Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 28.—John Kelley, aged 13, and Willie Hull, aged 10, were drowned last night while skating on the Union Mills pond. Kelley broke through the ice and Hull, trying to save him, also perished. The bodies were recovered.

**Preacher Fatally Burned.**

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 28.—As the result of a fire caused by the explosion of an airtight stove, the Providence Methodist Episcopal church (colored) was partially burned, and the pastor, Rev. J. L. Leonard, was fatally burned.

**Alarmed at Our Development.**

Vienna, Dec. 28.—Paul Leroy Beaulieu has written a letter to the Tagblatt advocating the formation of an economical federation in Europe, owing to the enormous commercial development in the United States.

**Kentucky Death List Grows.**

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 28.—Complete reports show that on Christmas day there were thirty deaths from violent causes in various parts of Kentucky.

